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**COMMISSIONER ROBERT M. MCDOWELL CONGRATULATES NEIL PATEL  
ON HIS NOMINATION TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR  
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION**

The following statement can be attributed to Commissioner Robert M. McDowell:

“I applaud President Bush’s nomination of Neil Patel to head the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). I have had the pleasure of knowing Neil for many years. He is a substantive, energetic and committed public servant who is well-suited to lead NTIA. I wish Neil the best as he proceeds through the confirmation process. During my tenure at the FCC, I have enjoyed working with former Assistant Secretary John Kneuer and Acting Assistant Secretary Meredith Baker. I know that Neil will continue to build on their strong accomplishments to advance the common goals of NTIA and the Commission during the exciting months ahead.”

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